

# Legislators Running for Statewide Office

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The 2014 election will feature contests for at least six statewide offices, including governor. Texas has not seen such possible turnover in statewide office in **16 years**, and the last open governor's race was more than 20 years ago. (Read our **blog post** about past open races for Texas governor).

Several state legislators have announced they are running for statewide seats. Below is a list of declared candidates as of Sept. 10, 2013 who are current or former members. Click on the links to view information about each legislator, including terms of service.

## Attorney General

- **Rep. Dan Branch**
- **Sen. Ken Paxton**

## Commissioner of Agriculture

- **Rep. Brandon Creighton**

## Comptroller of Public Accounts

- **Sen. Glenn Hegar**
- **Rep. Harvey Hilderbran**
- **Former Rep. Raul Torres**

## Lieutenant Governor

- **Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst**
- **Sen. Dan Patrick**
- **Former Sen. Jerry Patterson** (current Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office)
- **Former Sen. Todd Staples** (current Texas Commissioner of Agriculture)

## Railroad Commissioner

- **Rep. Stefani Carter**
- **Former Rep. Wayne Christian**
- **Former Rep. Ray Keller**

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### 2014 Election Dates of Note

- November 9, 2013: first day candidates for statewide office may file to be on the primary ballot
- December 9, 2013: filing deadline to be on the primary ballot
- March 4, 2014: primary election
- November 4, 2014: general election